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Fwd: Inquiry from Congressman Ralph Abraham, LA-05

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Tue, Dec 5, 2017 at 12:12 PM

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Exec Sec,

Please control to FAS, AA Hart will sign the response.

Regards,

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December 5, 2017

Mr. P. Brennan Hart
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1800 F Street NW, Room 6120
Washington, DC 20405

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Dear Mr. Hart,

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a constituent in my district, has asked for my help. He would like his GSA Certification extended so he would be able to bid on jobs. Enclosed is authorization for me to inquire on (b) (6) appreciate your prompt consideration.

My point of contact is Donna Howe, Email: donna.howe@mail.house.gov, Phone: 318.445.0818, Fax: 318.445.3776, 2003 MacArthur Drive, Bldg. 5, Alexandria, LA 71301. Thank you again for your help.

Sincerely,



Ralph Abraham, M.D.
Member of Congress

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Office of Congressional and Intergovernmental Affairs

May 15, 2018

The Honorable Ralph Lee Abraham, M.D.
Member, United States
House of Representatives
Attn: Ms. Donna Howe
2003 MacArthur Drive
Building 5
Alexandria, LA 71301

Dear Representative Abraham:

Thank you for your letter dated April 9, 2018, regarding the consolidation of the U.S. Postal Service (USPS) Downtown Station from the U.S. Post Office and Courthouse at 515 Murray Street in Alexandria, LA, to the USPS Alexandria main office at 1715 Odom Street. With your letter, you enclosed a letter to your office from USPS dated February 21, 2018.

After receipt of your letter and discussions with USPS, the U.S. General Services Administration (GSA) has confirmed that USPS intends to vacate the GSA-controlled U.S. Post Office and Courthouse by May 31, 2018, as planned. GSA will then be able to undertake the necessary renovation of the courthouse.

By way of background, the U.S. District Court and the U.S. Department of Justice–Marshals Service (USMS) require the space occupied by USPS at the U.S. Post Office and Courthouse to meet the Judiciary's space needs. GSA's project at the Federal courthouse will meet the Judiciary's need for expansion space and bring the Courthouse into compliance with Federal security protocols for prisoner transport, and judicial/public circulation. GSA officially notified USPS in October 2014 about the need for USPS to relocate from the courthouse.

In 2015, USPS followed the process required by 39 CFR 241.4 to relocate its Downtown Station, including notice to the community and local officials, and solicitation of feedback. On July 14, 2015, GSA, the Judiciary, and USMS participated with USPS in a special Alexandria City Council meeting on this topic and discussed the process that would be followed to share information with the public and elicit public comments and input.

If you have additional questions or concerns, please contact me at (202) 501-0563.

Sincerely,

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Saul Japson
Acting Associate Administrator



May 15, 2018

The Honorable Todd Rokita
House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Representative Rokita:

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The Honorable Rick W. Allen
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The Honorable Louie Gohmert
House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

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The Honorable Tom Marino
House of Representatives
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The Honorable Jeff Duncan
House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

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The Honorable Matt Gaetz
House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

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For these reasons, GSA will not be taking any action on the GSA SmartPay 3 contract. Identical letters have been sent to your colleagues. Should you or your staff have any further questions or concerns, please contact me at (202) 501-0563.

Sincerely,

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Saul Japson
Acting Associate Administrator



May 15, 2018

The Honorable Lamar Smith
House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

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January 5, 2018

The Honorable Ralph Abraham
Member, United States
House of Representatives
Attn: Ms. Donna Howe
2003 MacArthur Drive, Bldg. 5
Alexandria, LA 71301

Dear Representative Abraham:

Thank you for your letter dated December 5, 2017, on behalf of your constituent, (b) (6) requesting that the U.S. General Services Administration (GSA) extend (b) (6) "GSA Certification" or Schedule contract.

In accordance with clause I-FSS-639 of his contract (GS-07F-282AA), (b) (6) was required to report \$25,000 in sales in the first 24 months of his contract and \$25,000 in each subsequent year.

For the last 3 years, GSA has granted (b) (6) additional time to report the required sales by withdrawing modifications for cancellation dated July 2, 2015; July 26, 2016; and July 11, 2017. Despite the additional time (b) (6) did not report the required \$25,000 in sales.

(b) (6) -year contract is scheduled to expire on June 14, 2018. Because he has not reported any sales under this contract, GSA has determined that it would not be in the Government's best interest to renew it for another 5-year term. On November 22, 2017, GSA informed (b) (6) of this determination.

(b) (6) has until April 14, 2018, to gain compliance and provide documentation to exercise the option to renew his contract. If (b) (6) contract is allowed to expire, he may submit a new offer once he has obtained \$25,000 in qualifying sales via the open market. He will also need to submit a marketing plan outlining how his company will meet the annual sales requirement.

If you have any additional questions or concerns, please contact me at (202) 501-0563.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'P. Brennan Hart III', with a stylized flourish at the end.

P. Brennan Hart III
Associate Administrator



Congressman Ralph Abraham

Privacy Release Form

Federal Agencies are prohibited by law from releasing any information or discussing an individual without that individual's permission. As required by the Federal Freedom of Information and Privacy Act, I hereby authorize Congressman Abraham or his designated staff to access information on my behalf and or to discuss my records with the agency involved.

GSA

☒ Mr. (b) (6) (Federal Department or Agency with which you are requesting help)
☐ Mrs. Name: (b) (6)
☐ Ms. (b) (6)
Address: (b) (6)
City: (b) (6) State: (b) (6) Zip: (b) (6)
E-Mail Address: (b) (6)

I prefer to be contacted via: ☒ Email or ☐ US Mail

Telephone: Home (b) (6) Cell (b) (6)
Date of Birth: (b) (6) Social Security #: (b) (6)

Claim/Alien/Receipt/Other # (if applicable): GSA# G507F282AA

If your request is on behalf of another person:

Name: _____ Relationship: _____

Date of Birth: ____/____/____ Social Security #: ____-____-____

Claim/Alien/Receipt/Other # (if applicable): _____

Briefly describe the nature of your problem and the outcome you are seeking:

Please extend my GSA certification.

Signature: (b) (6) Date: 120517

Please return this form to the following address:
Alexandria Office – 2003 MacArthur Drive, Bldg. 5, Alexandria, LA 71301
Phone: (318) 445-0818 Fax: (318) 445-3776



February 21, 2018

Honorable Ralph Abraham
Member of Congress – Central Louisiana District
2003 McArthur Drive Bldg. 5
Alexandria LA 71301

Dear Congressman Abraham:

This letter is to notify you that due to lease issues beyond our control, we are having to evacuate the Alexandria Downtown Station building at 515 Murray Street, Alexandria La, 71301. We have been searching, with the Mayor's office help, for another site, but have not found one that is suitable to our needs. For these reasons, we will be consolidating the Downtown Station into the Alexandria Main office at 1715 Odom St, Alexandria LA 71301.

We are mailing letters to our customers and will have a dedicated phone line that they will be able to call with questions. We understand that these actions may lead to an increase in inquiries to your office and wanted you to be prepared to answer any questions from your constituents. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions on this matter. (Please see attached copy of the letter for your constituents).

Thank you for your patience with this process.

Sincerely,

(b) (6)

Boone R. Brantley
Postmaster, Alexandria LA